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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive in any manner indicated below.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

This paper is responsive to telephone conferences on 19 July 2004 and 28 July 2004, by and between Primary Examiner Bradley Sisson and attorney Paul J. Skwierawski, in the application. More particularly, any foregoing amendments may include amendments discussed during, or resultant from, the telephone conferences, and the following includes inquiries raised during the telephone conferences.

EXAMINER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CLAIMS

During the aforementioned telephone conferences, the Examiner raised inquiries regarding the claims. The following attempts to reiterate and answer such inquiries: (All line numbers in the following refer to line numbers of claims as printed within this present paper.)

Claim 1, line 8, inquiry was made as to whether Applicant's invention actually performed "irradiating a plurality of the DNA probe cells of said DNA chip with a corresponding plurality of multi-spot excitation lights through an objective lens"? The answer is yes. Applicant respectfully refers to Applicant's FIG. 1 as one example. Multi-spot excitation lights 11M coming from a microlens array 14, pass through objective lens 16 to impinge upon DNA chip 2. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1, line 8 is correct as written.

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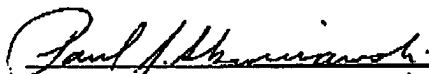
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area telephone 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To whatever other extent is actually appropriate, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.39147X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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